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BOOK REVIEWS.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF VIRGINIA. By John Garland Pollard, of the Richmond Bar. Richmond: J. L. Hill Printing Company, Publishers. 1898. 514 pp. \$4.

We have examined Mr. Pollard's compilation of the statute law of Virginia, subsequent to the Code, with genuine pleasure, and are much mistaken if it does not find its way into the office of every progressive lawyer in the State.

Aside from its main contents, the volume contains: (1) A table of the Virginia cases in which the Constitution of the State has been construed, since the adoption of the Code. (2) A complete index to all local acts passed since the adoption of the Code (excluding those which merely concern particular individuals)—such e. g. as affect the charters of towns and cities; the roads, bridges, water-courses, court-houses, game and fish, officers, taxation, fences, etc., of particular counties, cities or districts—or, as Mr. Pollard terms them, “local public acts.” Such an index seems to have been a happy idea, and ought to be found highly useful. (3) A complete index (separate from that just mentioned) of all amendments to the Code, and of all general statutes passed subsequent to the adoption of the Code. The index is excellent. By its use one may at once lay his hand upon any public act found within the series of sessions acts from 1887 to 1898 inclusive, whether in the form of an amendment to the Code or otherwise. Those who have used, or tried to use, the indexes in the sessions acts will appreciate the value of this feature.

The body of the volume is divided into chapters with title headings, corresponding with those of the Code. Where there has been no amendment of a particular section, and no construction of it by the Court of Appeals, the section and section number are omitted. If amended, the amendment is published in full, with marginal references to the volume and page of the sessions acts containing the amendment, and to all previous amendments, and to cases in which the section has been construed. If not amended, but the section has been construed, the section number alone is given, with reference to the cases construing the section. Acts which do not purport to be amendments to the Code, are inserted next to some section of the Code of a kindred nature, and are numbered uniformly with the kindred section, followed by letters of the alphabet to distinguish them from amendments. For example, an independent act regulating the number of directors of corporations of a certain character (1895-6, p. 5) is inserted immediately after section 1108 of the Code, dealing with a kindred subject, and is numbered section 1108 a. So where an entire chapter is thus independent, it is inserted after a chapter of a kindred nature, with the same chapter number, and with letters added, as before, to denote the insertion.

We have not been able, of course, to thoroughly test the success of the compiler in his search for cases construing the various sections, but, as far as our examination has extended, this part of the work seems to have been thoroughly done.

The printing is excellent, and altogether the work impresses us most favorably. We cordially commend the volume to the bench and bar of the State.